

me. It was late and cold, and so we traversed off and went up easy rock to the top. When Yvon and I did the direct finish, he cracked the headwall in an open corner on the left—there are a couple of funny moves here—and then went slightly right and straight up. The finish is a bit thin, but if you don't like it you can end in a bushy gully on the left. A selection of about a dozen nuts plus several runners will do. And a couple of the smallest Clog wedges are useful. Take them. NCCS II, F7.

ROYAL ROBBINS

*Washington Column, East Face.* The east face of Washington Column was climbed by Layton Kor, Jim Madsen and Kim Schmitz in May. The climb, which took three days, was rated as NCCS VI, F8, A5.

*Higher Cathedral Rock, East Face.* In June, Chris Fredericks and Jim Bridwell made the first ascent of the east face of Higher Cathedral Rock, which they rated at NCCS VI, A4, F9.

*Washington Column, South Face.* The first ascent of the south face of Washington Column was made in October by Jim Bridwell and Joe Faint.

*Castle Rock Spire.* In September TM Herbert and Tom Frost did a new route on the face of Castle Rock Spire. The climb follows a crack system that eventually connects with the original route about two-thirds of the way up the face. The first two pitches are nailing over rotten rock; nuts were used frequently in places where pitons might have dislodged blocks. After the third pitch a bivouac was made on a good ledge. The fifth pitch went free and the sixth was mixed. From here the summit was reached by climbing the last four pitches of the standard route. NCCS V, F8, A4.

*New Routes on Daff and Fairview Domes, Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite.* On July 2 Bob Kamps and I climbed a new route on Daff Dome and called it "The Cooke Book" after the blacksmith-climber, Bruce Cooke. The route ascends the obvious left-facing open-book on the west face and is quite sustained fifth-class climbing. An awkward undercling (5.10) begins the last pitch, which is a long, left-slanting layback to the summit ridge. (III, 5.10). Fairview Dome is the most impressive and clearly visible of the Tuolumne domes. We climbed two new routes on it: Lucky Streaks (IV, 5.9) and Always Arches (IV, 5.10). The former